

**THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF BAPTIST WORK IN  
IJESA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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## CONCLUSION

Ijesa Baptist Association exists because of the needs and desires of the churches that are ready to express the need, nature, vision and Mission of Baptist beliefs and doctrines to the nooks and conners of Ijesaland. In all the association achievements so far, demonstrated the divinely inspired action. It is like a mustard seed that has developed into a mighty tree. It was and still is a good determination of time and reality , though it cost time, money, energy to bring it to the present level it is. Kudos to the pioneers.

With the achievement enumerated through history, the association still has a lot to do. According to Apostle Paul in Philippians chapter three verse twelve to fourteen,<sup>1</sup> quote:

*“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect: but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.*

*Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the price of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”.*<sup>1</sup> *Philippians 3: 13-14 (RSV)*

When Ijesa indigenes will like to talk about Ijesaland, they always refer to the land as Jerusalem of Nigerian, ILE TI OLORUN WA. This is all because of its fastness of becoming a Christian district, and so Ijesa Baptist as a denomination can also do better in propagating the kingdom of God here on earth. One should appreciate God for what Ijesa Baptist Association is doing today in Ijesaland and with the aspiration on ground, within a couple of years to come, the association will likely have Ijesa North, or South, or Central

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<sup>1</sup> The Holy Bible. Philippians. 3 : 12-14

Association from the existing one. Our inspiration is large. And this is the purpose for the anointing call on.